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Mr. Daron R. Haddock, Permit Supervisor
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VIA FACSIMILE
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**Re: Board Contracts; Umetco Minerals Corporation, Inc., Deremo-Peterson and
Wilson-Silverbell Mines, M/037/025 and M/037/027; San Juan County, Utah**

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Rahe Junge is on vacation until the first of the year, so I am writing in response to your letter dated December 7, 2004, addressed to Rahe regarding the captioned reclamation contracts. Your letter was received by Umetco Minerals Corporation on December 14, 2004. Umetco appreciates the options you have suggested to assure adequate financial arrangements for final reclamation responsibilities at the captioned mines. However, due to the Holiday season, many Umetco and Union Carbide managers are on vacation until after January 1st. Therefore, Umetco hereby requests a 30-day extension of time to meet with management so we can adequately respond to the options set out in your letter.

Please contact me at 970.256.2238 regarding Umetco's request for this extension. A copy of this letter will be sent to your office today via facsimile, with a hard copy to follow.

Yours very truly,

J. Daniel Moore
General Manager

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